

The Village Communicator

"Holiday Edition"





A Message from Mayor Marcus

We had a fantastic time visiting with everyone that attended Glenfest on October 1. The Big Rigs put on a great show and the food, entertainment and drink vendors were outstanding. Although chilly during the festival's final hour, overall the weather was ideal. We hope everyone had fun with family and friends at Miner Park celebrating our community and watching the fireworks finale. Thank you to all of this year's sponsors, vendors and guests.

Earlier in the day, our Heritage Museum offered Cabin Day with music and hands-on demonstrations at the

Yanda Log Cabin. It was a fun opportunity to step back in time and see traditional rope making, whittling, and more while enjoying Kiwanis hot-dogs and refreshments. On the Sunday following Glenfest, Schon Park was filled with yogis participating in goat yoga, offered for the first time in the Village. Goat Yoga of Southern Illinois, based out of Alhambra, led the yoga classes with stretching, little goats and a lot of laughs. Both classes were sold out and we hope to offer it again in the spring.

The Village will continue to be busy during the upcoming holiday season. Businesses and organizations have signed-up for the first-ever *Glenfestival of Trees* happening at the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum. Organizations or individuals have submitted their custom-designed artificial tree or wreath to be displayed at the museum and prizes will be awarded for the best designs. Extended holiday hours will make it easy for visitors to view the lighted trees and wreaths throughout the season.

The Fire Department will be hosting a *Lighted Christmas Parade* happening in the Village on Saturday, Dec. 3, ending at the fire station with a bounce house, Santa, treats and more. Parade kick-off is 7 p.m. On the next day, the Yanda Log Cabin is also offering pictures with Santa for a Food Pantry donation, refreshments and free craft-making. December 17 brings back the *Cabin Sing-along and Winter Market* with carolers, hot cocoa and more.

Congratulations to Karen Hall, resident and winner of the private dinner raffle for 6 at the Yanda Log Cabin. Karen, we hope you enjoy your dinner at the cabin and look forward to hearing about it. Thanks to everyone that purchased a ticket in support of our local landmarks.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions and enjoy the cooler, fall weather in our parks and trails. My number is (618) 781-0646.

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Mayor, Village of Glen Carbon

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●Have You Heard?●

Lighted Christmas Parade is happening 7 pm on Dec. 3, 2022

Winter Market & Sing-along is happening Dec. 17 from 5-8 pm at the Cabin

Need to reach us?

(618) 288-1200

www.glencarbonil.gov



We appreciate all of the employees and volunteers that work hard to make our town such a special place. There is a lot of effort that goes on behind the scenes for our events, making sure things run smoothly. Hours of planning and after-hour meetings ensure everyone knows what is going on, plan for the unexpected, and offer our community a great time with family and friends.

The Village public works department does an outstanding job helping to manage set-up and

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Community Events Committee members that helped with GLENFEST 2022! Please also welcome our new members.

Chelsea Hoelscher

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Mandy Jones

NEW MEMBERS:

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clean-up for us, and our police department offers their expertise on everything from crowd control to keeping residents safe during the events. Our main goal? Offer a community-event that brings neighbors, family and friends together to have a good time...while making memories. Our Village has a lot to offer, and we look forward to the upcoming holiday season's activities as well as surprises in store for 2023! **Happy Holidays!**

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Following Village Staff Anniversaries!

Anniversaries

THANK YOU to the following Village Staff members celebrating their employment anniversaries in the months of December, January and February.



December

Karen Hall - 29 years Wayne White - 26 years Lynn Nichols - 10 years Kevin Bauer - 9 years Louis Mitchelar - 9 years Rick Tutka - 2 years



January

Ryan Smith - 24 years
Greg Boyer - 14 years
RJ Ellinger - 10 years
Jim Murray - 9 years
Brian Althardt - 8 years
Alex Hawthorne - 4 years
Ross Tyler - 4 years
Hope Starr - 3 years
Jordan Schroetter - 2 years
Jimmie Dixon - 1 year
Cole Wille - 1 year

February

Lori Gibson - 16 years Sean Higgins - 4 years Stacy Jose - 4 years Garrett Whitelaw - 3 years Lori Grandone - 1 year



Where were all the Scarecrows?

We received calls and messages asking us: what happened to the Scarecrow Contest? The GLEN Committee held this event in the fall and this year decided to put it "on-hold" so that discussion could happen on ways to improve or change the existing "Scarecrow Contest". Stay tuned!



SENIOR Center citings & more by Michele Suwe, Administrator

Happy Holidays everyone! What a wonderful time to gather and celebrate our many blessings! Fall is a great time to give thanks and look forward to the new year. For those of you who may not have heard, I will be retiring at the end of November. It has been a great fifteen plus years, and I am grateful to you all for the many kindnesses that you have shown me! As I move on to my next adventure, I want to take a moment to introduce your new Administrator, Felicia Voelkel. Felicia has fourteen years of experience working with seniors and has been a part of the Glen Carbon Senior Center for that same length of time. She will continue to help with our Aid and Assistance programs and all other activities. I know she looks forward to meeting all of you.

Here at the Senior Center, we are enjoying getting together with old friends and making new ones as well! Most day-time and evening clubs have now resumed but check with your club President or Leader for dates and times as they may vary from pre-pandemic or call the Center for further information at **618-288-2664.**

The **Glen Carbon Senior Group** has returned to their regular times of 12:30-3PM each Tuesday for activities, lunch, and games. If you are a member and haven't returned, we miss you. If you are new to the area, come join us. You are always welcome!

Our Woodcarving Group meets on Tuesday and Thursday each week from 8:30-11:30 AM. Come join us anytime!

Our **Glen Carbon Lunch Bunch** is getting together each month, so call for details and the latest lunch spot; we look forward to having you join us. Thinking about joining us? Please call the Center at **618-288-2664** so we can make sure to make a reservation for you!

Our **Game Day** has resumed with **Bingo and Whoopee!** We will be getting together the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3PM. It may have a few changes and new faces, but we are still having a great time! We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

SENIOR CENTER BUS SERVICES

618-288-2664

Bus Hours of Operation 8:30 AM - 3PM Monday through Friday

All rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

Bus is sanitized before and after each rider. Please wear a mask while on the bus.

To schedule, call the Center at **618-288-2664.** Regular office hours are 8:00AM-4:00 PM, Monday-Friday.



Game Day TWO is returning with board games, card games and shuffleboard on the second Monday of each month.

Para-Transit Bus Services

Through-out the Pandemic, we have continued to provide seniors and physically challenged residents, the services of our Paratransit Bus for local transportation needs. The bus operates between 8:30 AM & 3PM, Monday through Friday. All rides must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Our bus is sanitized before and after each rider. Everyone must wear a mask while on the bus. Let's get out and do some shopping! To schedule a ride, call the Center at 618-288-2664, office hours are 8:00AM-4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

If you need help with your bills, and you are an Ameren IL customer, you may qualify for assistance. Here are the latest guidelines for earnings eligibility: For a family of one, must have a gross earning requirement from \$2,266 up to \$4,263; for a family of two ranges from \$3,053 up to \$4,871 (and higher as the size of the family increases.) The Ameren II Heating season will begin on September 1 through May 31, 2023. Please call 288-2664 for more information and an appointment.

If you need legal assistance with a will, power of attorney or just have a legal question, the **Land of Lincoln might be able to help!** They are an organization that offers free legal assistance to most seniors, aged 60 and older. They are available for help with your wills, directives, and a wide variety of additional subjects. **Please call 618-288-2664 for an appointment.**

Senior Services Plus continues to provide Aid and Assistance to our Senior Center. They are available to answer your questions regarding Benefit Access, Medicare or Medicaid, and LIHEAP. However, due to the COVID-19, representatives from Senior Services Plus are working virtually at 618-465-3298 ext. 115. If you are in need of additional aid or if you have other questions, please call 288-2664 for help. We wish you all the best this Holiday Season!

-Michele, Felicia, Walt, Mel, and Denny

THANK YOU!

Michele has spent the past 15+ years dedicated to our Senior Center's growth and success.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the seniors and citizens in our community.

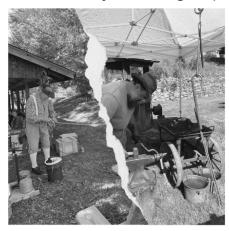
-Mayor Bob Marcus

From the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum & Yanda Cabin

Welcoming the Holiday Season in the Village!

The Historical and Museum Commission is so thankful of the community support we have received so far this year! Whether you were a visitor or volunteer, it makes a difference.

This summer the Yanda Log Cabin held its monthly open houses for the first time in two years and visitors made a point to stop in and check things out. Cabin Day was held on October 1st, and with two new vendors, we welcomed more visitors than we had at last year's event. Whether you talked with the blacksmith or woodworker, made your own rope, or ground some corn off the cob, we were happy to have you. Inside the cabin vendors sold from scratch pies and beautiful artist embroidered cards. We also had guests help us churn our own butter, which was delicious! The Yanda Log Cabin Private Dinner Raffle winner was Karen Hall! She is currently scheduling her private dinner for six inside the cabin with caterer Laura May of Entrée.







For the first time, the Heritage Museum partnered with the Glen Carbon Centennial Library for the "Ghosts of Glen: Haunted History Walking Tour of Old Town." When tickets sold out the first day, everyone was so excited that we opened a second tour to the people on the waitlist. Held on October 14th and 15th, the walk went smoothly, the stories were appropriately spooky, and the ghosts cooperated! With help from the Midwest Paranormal Research Consortium, we had the opportunity to hunt for ghosts while on the tour. Tour guests were also treated to delicious hot chocolate, coffee, and snacks courtesy of Scooter's Coffee at the tour's halfway point. Though all the buildings had great stories, the museum had the most ghosts! Which may or may not be a great thing for the museum coordinator. We are already thinking of things to do in next year's tour, so remember to check back with us next fall for your chance to see the ghosts of Glen!

Trick or Treat night at the Yanda Log Cabin is a resident favorite and we loved seeing your costumes! We decorated the cabin with cobwebs and bloody handprints to help set the mood for a great Halloween.

Planning for the holiday season is in full swing with the first-ever "Glenfestival of Trees" to be hosted at the Heritage Museum. Special evening hours will be held so that guests can tour the decorated and beautifully lit museum with their families in celebration of the holidays. While looking through the trees and wreaths on display, don't forget to vote for your favorites. The winning tree and wreath get a cash prize! If you are interested in setting up a tree or wreath to display through the month of December in the Heritage Museum, visit the Village website to learn more and fill out the online form. Email Samantha Doolin, sdoolin@glen-carbon.il.us if you have any questions. The deadline for applications has been extended to November 14th, so register yours today!



Samantha Doolin, museum coordinator, leading the group down School Street during Ghosts of Glen on Oct. 14

From the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum & Yanda Cabin Continued....

On **Sunday, December 4th, Santa is at the Cabin!** The museum will be offering photos with Santa in exchange for a donation to the Glen-Ed Pantry. Kids will also get a sweet treat and can get crafty by making a Christmas ornament at the Cabin.

Santa arrives the night before in the Village's first-ever **Lighted Christmas Parade** happening on Sat., Dec. 3rd and hosted by the Fire District with activities at the fire house, too.

The evening of **Sat., Dec. 17th** will be the **Yanda Log Cabin Sing-Along and Winter Market!** With a caroling group performing, you will be invited to join in and sing along to all your favorite Christmas carols. Come inside the cabin for warm drinks & cookies and don't forget to visit the winter market under the pavilion. Vendors include *Seven Forks Farms, Iris Hill Farms, Gingerstitcher, and more!*

As always, make sure you check out our **digital collections** where you can see some of our artifacts and historic photos. The Online Artifact Catalog is constantly being updated, so make sure you return and browse again and again.

If you want to get involved with preserving Glen Carbon's history, please check out our **Opportunities Page** on the website for more information about volunteer and internship opportunities or email sdoolin@glen-carbon.il.us.









Glen Carbon Library Events: Programs for the Entire Family!

Visit www.glencarbonlibrary.org for details & complete listing of events

From tutoring to teen and family programs, our local library is a Village gem! Visit today.



Youth Services

Storytime

Sing songs, make crafts, and interact with us during storytimes! Join us in our Youth Room where we'll help build your preschooler's early literacy skills! Space is limited. **Mondays, Tuesdays 10 am**

Mon, Jan. 9 & 23 Tues, Jan. 10 & 24 Mon, Feb. 6 & 20 Tues, Feb. 7 & 21

Baby Lapsit

Build your baby's literacy foundation with skills, stories, and songs in a 20-minute session. Playtime follows to help with social skill development. **Planned for ages birth to 2. Thursdays 10 am.** December 1, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23

Pajama Storytime

Get all cozy in your pajamas and join us for a night of stories! Pajama Storytime is an excellent way for families to unwind together before bed. Planned for Pre-K to Kindergarten, all are welcome. **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.** January 4 & 18 and February 1 & 15

Special PJ Storytime: The Polar Express

Join us for a special pajama storytime! We will read the beloved classic *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg while you enjoy hot chocolate. Bring a stuffed animal and blanket and get cozy with us! **Wednesday**, **December 7 at 6:30 pm**

Storytime at the Cabin

Cozy up at Yanda Log Cabin while listening to stories, sing songs, and making a simple craft. Storytime is planned for Pre-K to Kindergarten-age kiddos, but kids of all ages are welcome! **Saturdays (once a month) at 10 am at Yanda Log Cabin.**January 21 and February 18

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Imagination Station

Join us for a morning of activity, imagining, creating, songs, and fun! Planned for ages 3-5.

Every other Tuesday at 10 am. January 17 & 31, Feb. 14 and 28

Read with a Dog!

Sit with Woody or another licensed therapy dog, and read a story of your choosing! You'll have 10-15 minutes to read and pet a loveable dog! **Second Monday of the Month** at 6:30 pm. Jan. 9 & Feb. 13 *Registration Recommended*



Register & learn more at:

www.glencarbonlibrary.org

Tech Club

Youth Entering Grades 3-7
Explore technology and coding in this club for kids looking to get hands-on experience using different tech!

Mondays Once a month at 6:30 pm. Jan. 23, Feb. 20

Registration Required

Let's Get Crafty

Join us at the Library for a seasonal craft activity! Each craft will take about thirty minutes and push your creativity and imagination! **Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1 pm**Registration Required

Lego Days

Youth 4 years and older

Come to the Library to show off your Lego skills! Build and create your own Lego masterpiece to show off at the Library! **One Sunday a Month at 2 pm.**

Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 12

STEM Activity Days

Do you enjoy exploring science, technology, engineering, and math in fun, crafty ways? Then register for this program at the Library! Once a month, we will dive deep into a project. **Sundays Once a Month at 2 pm.**

Jan. 29 & Feb. 26 Registration Required

Black History Heroes, Soldiers & Spies

Tues., Jan. 17 at 6 pm (grades 4 and up)
Join us for a performance by *Bright Star Touring Theatre*! History is filled with Black American heroes and in this production, audiences learn the stories of some of the most amazing figures like Colonel Charles Young of the Buffalo Soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help achieve victory in World War II, and Mary Elizabeth Bowser, whose work as a spy helped the Union during the Civil War. An interactive production. *Registration Required*

Teen Programs

Monthly programs for youth in grades 6 -12. Visit our website to learn about Junior Friends of the Library, Art Unlimited, Teen Hangout and Twitch Streams.

www.glencarbonlibrary.org

SIUE Tutoring

Free tutoring for school-aged children and teens by SIUE students. *Check our website for more info.*

Glen Carbon Library Events: ADULT & FAMILY SERVICES

Visit www.glencarbonlibrary.org for details & complete listing of events

We are continuously updating our plans for events. Please actively check our website and Facebook account for updates on what new activities are available. Thank you.

Health & Fitness

Virtual Saturday Morning Yoga with Sarah (RR)

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. at Glen Carbon Library via Zoom, or in-person.

Virtual Evening Flow Yoga with Anne (RR)

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library via Zoom.

Medicare Q&A with Jon Bergmann (RR)

Third Monday of each month, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library. Bring your questions on how to register and what is covered when you sign up for Medicare.

Art & Crafting

Beginner Knitting Group with Greta (RR)

Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library December 2, 17 January 14,18 February 11,25

Book Club

"Book Club & Chat"

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library December 13: One Day in December by Josie Silver January 10: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig February 14: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett Limited copies of the books will be available at the help desk or they can be downloaded from Hoopla.

Art with Greta (RR)

Fridays, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library December 4 January 15 February 12

The materials list will be available in the Event Calendar on the library website.

A Plethora of Pens

Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library December 5 January 9 February 6

This is an open group, walk-ins are welcome, all writing levels, all genres. Different topics are discussed every month. Please note: this is NOT a critique group (although there are occasional group critiques) discussion is mostly to improve the ability to critique others.

Family Programs

Holiday Open House on Sat., December 3 at 1 pm Join us for a holiday celebration at the Library! Get a caricature done of your family, visit with therapy dogs, make crafts, decorate cookies, and of course, meet Santa himself! Register your family for a timeslot to meet Santa, and spend the rest of your time enjoying the festivities! *Registration Required*

Penguin Plushies

Saturday, January 28 at 1 pm (ages 3- grade 5) Make your very own penguin plush! In this program, you will stuff your plush and make a wish to put inside. We'll have a penguin-themed activity, a photo spot, and a movie to share with your new friend! Registration opens January 1

Stuffie Sleepover on Friday, February 3

Turn in Stuffies between 9 am - 4 pm
Bring one of your very special stuffies to the Library for a sleepover! Bring them in Friday and pick them up Saturday morning! Your fluffy friend will get a goodie bag, and you will get some fun pictures of the great time they spent with their new stuffie friends!

Registration opens January 1

Geek Con -Save the Date!

Saturday, March 4 at 1pm We are planning our annual Geek Con event, where you can come and nerd out about your very favorite geeky interests! So grab your wands, lightsabers, and video game controllers for this fun-packed event! Registration opens February 1

Register & learn more at:

www.glencarbonlibrary.org



Library Programming Continued...

Special Programming

Recycled Holiday Craft (RR), December 7, 2022

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library Join Christi and get crafty this holiday season! During this DIY Craft Session, you will learn to make holiday ornaments from recycled materials.

Red Cross Blood Drive, December 12, 2022

Monday 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit *RedCrossBlood.org* and enter *GCClibrary* to schedule.

Establishing Financial Goals Workshop, January 10, 2023 Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

We've all done it. We get to the end of another year and wonder why all those resolutions were forgotten. Quit trying to fit into someone else's mold when it comes to your finances. Workshop leader, Jill Rice, AFC®, is the founder of Firm Foundation Financial Coaching LLC. Learn more at firmfoundationfinancial.org.

Illinois Libraries Presents:

Midwest Baking with Shauna Sever (RR), December 13

Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library via Zoom Join Shauna Sever, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and daughter of the great Midwest, for this special Illinois Libraries Present holiday season event. Shauna will share her love of food, baking, and some tips to make your holiday gatherings delicious.

Inciting Joy: A Conversation with Ross Gay (RR), January 11 Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at Clan Carbon Library via Zoom

Wednesday, at 7 p.m. at Glen Carbon Library via Zoom Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility.

Cool Cities Update:

Learning about the "**The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act of Illinois**" (Input from the Cool Cities Committees of both Glen Carbon & Edwardsville)

Action on the Climate Crisis is an urgent need. The level of CO2 measured in the atmosphere is higher than ever, higher than it can safely get, and is having clear effects on climate including drought, floods, hurricanes that are stronger, ocean level rises putting many populated areas at risk, and record heat.

Our state passed a bill (on 9/9/2021) that is noticed nationally as a significant step in the energy transition that is urgently needed. Originally called the Clean Energy Jobs Act, the name was changed to emphasize the climate justice aspect. Job training for the new careers required for a transition to clean energy sources and funding will be focused on the communities that have suffered most from the pollution caused by fossil fuel extraction (including Wood River/East Alton, and East St. Louis).

There are eight major components to the bill. Jobs and **Economic Justice** is the first. There will be job hubs designed to provide training in Alton, East St. Louis, and Carbondale.

The second component is **Renewable Energy**. Extending the Future Energy Jobs Act to include Southern Illinois, funds will be available in communities which have experienced the closing of fossil fuel generation or coal mines. \$380 million dollars is allotted for new renewable generation. The third component is **Inclusive Financing**.

Emergency aid will be offered for **Energy Efficiency**, the fourth component. **Carbon Free Power** is the fifth component. Coal and oil used for power generation will be replaced, and funding is available for this to take place at speed.

The sixth component is **Electric Transportation**. As an alternative to more highways, the moneys will be used to incentivize mass transit, car pooling, EVs and EV Charging and bicycle paths. **Just Transition** is the seventh component, providing financial assistance to restore and revitalize communities most affected by pollution and, also, most affected by the move away from extractive industries.



A brand new all electric car Chevy Bolt and solar installation in Somerset Subdivision

\$80 million will be directed toward workforce development (including such support as child care and transportation) and contractor equity. \$40 million will be directed toward former fossil fuel communities in available grants.

The eighth component is **Utility Accountability and Grid Planning**, a vital aspect of this transition. A more responsive grid will make the transition possible, and upgrades to the grid have not been made by utilities, but are urgently needed. The Illinois Commerce Commission will oversee grid reliability issues, and there will be new focus on the ethics of public utilities, including auditing and subpoena power as well as a Chief Ethics and Accountability officer.

The implementation of this very forward looking Act is beginning, and will require the cooperation of many moving parts. There may be more we can do locally to make this plan a reality. The Downstate Caucus of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition is forming. Let's be ready.

Local Fire Departments Implement Enhanced Form of CPR



The holiday season can be very hectic, especially while shopping in the business district. This can also create the perfect environment for crime as well. Don't be surprised if you see more Glen Carbon police officers while you are out and about.

We do ask that the public stay extra vigilant during the holiday season, especially when loading your gifts and groceries into your vehicle. DO NOT leave your purse and wallet unsecured in your shopping cart while loading your vehicle. Place your purse inside your vehicle and lock it before loading your car.

We must all stay vigilant and work together to eliminate the opportunity for crime and protect Glen Carbon. Thank you! -Chief Todd Link, Glen Carbon Police



During the holiday season, the **Glen Carbon Police Association** holds our annual Community Christmas and invites members of our neighborhood to give a little to help a lot. On **November 25th**, we will once again raise our Community Christmas Tree, donated by Lowes. This 12-foot lit tree will remain open to the public for donations of household good and unwrapped gifts. Additionally, this year, we've partnered with the **Glen Carbon Fire Protection District** for their annual **Fill The Truck Event** at Wal-Mart on November 26th.



We have pledged our support to twelve families in our community. We are reaching out to you to ask for your support in helping us meet their needs. Any financial donation, gift cards, or toys will go a long way in helping make the holidays special for these families. Your donations can be dropped off at the Glen Carbon Police Department Community Christmas Tree after November 25th, made directly via PayPal @GCPoliceAssociation, or you can contact Ms. Jordan Schroetter at 288-2639 to arrange a pick-up.

If we all give a little, we can all give a lot. Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Glen Carbon Police Association.

The Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Fire Departments have implemented an innovative way to treat patients suffering cardiac arrest that's yielding encouraging results. The departments earlier this year began using an enhanced form of cardiopulmonary resuscitation that takes a cue from NASCAR pit crews. Anyone familiar with a NASCAR event has probably seen pit crews in action: Every member has one specific role that they handle simultaneously, enabling the crew to get their driver back on the track quickly.

"Historically, what you'd have is somebody taking charge and giving assignments at the scene, which isn't as efficient as everybody knowing what they're going to do walking in the door," Edwardsville Fire Chief James Whiteford said. "It speeds up the process." The method also involves a few new types of equipment that have proven beneficial and a different way of handling the scene of a cardiac arrest call.

"We're attacking all fronts. The physical part of it: where the equipment is located and when you grab it; the positioning of the paramedics once they arrive, even the positioning of the patient," Whiteford said. "It's a balance of physical and mental criteria." The enhanced form of CPR isn't brand new, but it's becoming more widespread for first responders across the country, Whiteford said.

First responders track something known as ROSC, or "return of spontaneous circulation," which means a patient's heart has resumed beating. Nationally, ROSC rates for calls outside of medical facilities are low – on average, perhaps 25% of patients regain cardiac activity. Being able to deliver a cardiac arrest patient to a hospital with ROSC is always the goal, said Edwardsville Deputy Fire Chief Brendan McKee. "We're just giving them a better chance of recovery," he said. Whiteford said McKee was the driving force behind researching this enhanced form of CPR for Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. McKee had learned of a large study on the method that is yielding positive results and useful data in Peoria, Illinois so a team of our local first responders went to see it in action. Afterwards, it was decided the method was worth instituting here.

Glen Carbon Fire Chief Jason Whitaker said his department is encouraged by the outcomes so far. "We've been able to get ROSC on the last five cardiac arrests," he said. "We're giving everybody that fighting chance they deserve."

Kiwanis happenings

Happy holidays! The Kiwanians are not planning any activities for the next couple of months. However, the Club is now planning for its annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast to be held on March 19, 2023. This breakfast provides funds for our summer donations to children's activities in the spring, summer and fall.

The Kiwanis Club of Glen Carbon was established in 1953 and is a local asset since that time. In the past the Club has supported Little League Baseball, the Glen Carbon Heritage Library's summer activities, the Glen Carbon American Legion, children bicycle safety and Scouting activities. Our support is direct financial donations to these local organizations. The Club also provides financial support to an International Children's fund that provides financial assistance for children of third world countries. This follows the Kiwanis motto of supporting the children of the world, one at a time.

In order to provide financial support, we need volunteers and membership. We meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays. All meetings are held locally. The first meeting is a business meeting where we will discuss our upcoming plans for assistance and fundraising. The second meeting is a social meeting where members and their families are invited to an evening of casual conversation. Our meetings last about an hour and are focused on agenda items. The social meeting may last longer depending on each person's time and availability. The dues are reasonable as the club pays for half from its Administrative Fund.

Contact me at benbest@aol.com or at 618-910-8703 if there is an interest in joining our club either as a member or as an activity volunteer. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from residents who have an interest in assisting the children of our community. - Ben Maliszewski



Wreaths Across America

Ceremony Happening in Glen Carbon Cemetery
December 17, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Please join us as we honor our fallen heroes.

The General George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have been sponsoring Wreaths
Across America since December 2012. During the ceremony, names of Honored Veterans will be read aloud,
followed by birth and death dates and a short military history, with the sound of a bell to honor the fallen hero.

160 military veterans have been laid to rest in Glen Carbon.

Please note: Due to potentially inclement weather, ceremonies are held to one hour, preventing all veterans from being honored in one ceremony. Approximately 80 wreaths will be placed at the grave sites beginning at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 17, and the remaining 80 veterans will be honored December 16, 2023. Should a friend or relative wish to announce the military history at this year's ceremony, please contact

Philip Bailey at 618-288-5551 prior to Dec. 1, 2022.

The ceremonies take place in **Glen Carbon Cemetery** at the **intersection of West Guy and Center Streets** in Glen Carbon. Parking is available at the bike trail parking lot near the new Glen Carbon Fire Station with shuttle service provided by the Village of Glen Carbon to and from the cemetery.

Water Prep Tips for **Cold Winter Weather**

Pipes that are exposed to severe cold like outdoor hose bibs, pool supply lines and more can easily freeze when the temperatures dip. There are ways to protect all water pipes from freezing in your home or business by following the recommendations below.

- -Drain water from your pool and empty water sprinkler/hose lines and store hoses appropriately during the winter.
- -Add insulation to attics and basements, if necessary.

Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines located there.

-When it's really cold, open kitchen and bath cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate. If you do this, be sure to move any harmful cleaners or household chemicals now exposed away from the reach of small children.

What if my water pipes freeze?

Shut off the water immediately. Freezing can cause unseen cracks in pipes and joints.

Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it. Hair dryers, space heaters or hot water all can work - never leave space heaters unattended.

Once pipes thaw, water can be turned on slowly and pipes should be checked for cracks and leaks.

Away from home? Here's what to do.

Have a friend or relative regularly check on your property to ensure your heat is working properly and pipes did not freeze. Freeze alarms can also be purchased and can be beneficial, especially if you head to warmer temperatures this winter and leave your home unattended. If the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees in the home or business, an alarm will call a user-selected telephone number.

American Legion -Glen Carbon

American Legion Hall is Available for Rentals!

Baby showers

Birthday parties

Wedding receptions

Retirement parties and more!

Please call for availability and price. **618-288-7118**



The Junior Service Club Holiday House Tour will be December 11, 2022!

This year, your ticket will include both the in-person tour and access to the virtual tour!

\$30 per person

Learn more and snag your ticket at http://www.edglenjuniorservice.org/



THANK YOU to the Recent Village Businesses of the Month!

Please visit our website at www.glencarbonil.gov to see all Village Business of the Month updates and learn more about these amazing businesses in the Village.









The Glen Carbon Fire District and MCORE FOUNDATION are working together on the upcoming Cardiac Screening Opportunity

WHEN: Sunday, February 19, 2023

COST: \$49*

(Due to generous donations from the Greg Holthaus Memorial Fund)

TIME: 9 am - 5 pm

SCREENING LOCATION: Glen Carbon Fire Protection District at 199 S. Main St. Glen Carbon, IL 62034

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE - SIGN UP TODAY!

Each test is approximately 10-12 minutes and healthcare spending account or flex care spending account can be used for payment. Screenings available for ages 12-22 years. Call **866-382-2319** to schedule your appointment and to learn more. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is preventable and screening programs like this can detect heart abnormalities.

www.mcorefoundation.org



just around the corner...

Share Your Business or Organization's Events with Us!

If you have planned events scheduled for 2023, please let *Nicole* at the Village know by emailing her at *ndicks@glencarbonil.gov*. Our goal is to publish a community calendar of events in the Village to assist in their promotion (and minimize conflicts, if feasible).



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Police - Non-Emergency.......618-288-7226

Public Works.....618-288-1200

Building & Zoning618-288-1200

Senior/Community Center......618-288-2664

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Chief of Police ~ Todd Link

Director of Finance ~ Kelly Korte

Public Works Director ~ Scott Slemer

Building & Zoning Administrator ~ Stacy Jose

Village Treasurer ~ Rick Tutka

Senior/Community Center Administrator ~ Michele Suwe

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MEETING TIMES

Village Board: 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm

Building & Development: 4th Tues., 5:30 pm Community Events: 1st Monday, 5:30 pm Cool Cities: 3rd Wed., 7 pm at Village Hall

Finance & Admin: The Mon before the 2nd Tue @ 6:30 pm

G.L.E.N. Committee: 1st Wed., 6 pm at Village Hall

Historical & Museum: 4th Monday at 7 pm at the Museum

Planning & Zoning: 3rd Tues. 7 pm

Police Pension Board: Last Wed. in Jan., Apr., Jul. & Oct., 5 pm

Public Safety: 3rd Tue., 6 pm at Public Safety Facility

Public Services: 2nd Tues., 5:30 pm

Residents' Advisory Board: 3rd Thur., 7 pm in Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct. at

Village Hal

Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Wed., 7 pm (*if there is business to

consider)